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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr. Chairman
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Dear Chairman Conyers:

As you know, in a 5 to 4 decision handed down today, the Supreme Court upheld the first federal restriction on a woman's right to choose since *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973. I am writing to ask that you immediately hold a hearing so that we can move to overturn the underlying ban on a certain type of late-term abortion.

The Supreme Court's decision to uphold the abortion ban – which was passed by a Republican Congress and signed by a Republican president – is an affront to women across the country and suggests that this may be the beginning of a sea change at the Supreme Court, where conservative Justices Samuel Alito and John Roberts are more inclined to interpret the law in ways that upend some our most cherished liberties, like the right to choose.

I hope that our Committee can quickly pass legislation to correct today's historic setback and protect women throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY D. WEINER Member of Congress